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SUBJECT: VIENNA TALKS ON CYPRUS

1. BRITISH EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CABLE FROM ANKARA REPORTING THAT BRITISH AMBASSADOR SAW TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES AT 0800 GMT AND EXTENDED INVITATION ON BEHALF MINISTER CALLAGHAN TO ATTEND TALKS IN VIENNA. GUNES ACCEPTED INVITATION, SAID HE WOULD HEAD DELEGATION, HOPED TO ARRIVE TOMORROW BUT BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING TRANSPORTATION HE MIGHT BE A DAY LATE. GUNES ALSO SAID IT WOULD TAKE TIME TO PREPARE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW FOR NEGOTIATIONS SO THAT FIRST DAY OF TALKS WOULD, HE THOUGHT, BE SIMPLY
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QUOTE ACT OF PRESENCE UNQUOTE DURING WHICH PARTIES WOULD

WORK OUT MODALITIES. AMBASSADOR SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HOPED NEGOTIATIONS COULD GET DOWN TO BUSINESS RIGHT AWAY. GUNES THEN SAID THAT IT MIGHT TAKE DAY OR TWO TO PREPARE TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION FOR NEGOTIATIONS WHICH, IN AMBASSADOR'S VIEW, WAS REAL POINT GUNES WAS TRYING TO MAKE REGARDING DELAY.

2. THE BRITISH EMBASSY ALSO INFORMED US THAT FONMIN KYPREOUS SAID GOG IS WILLING TO ATTEND BUT WOULD PREFER GENEVA TO VIENNA. KYPREOUS ALSO SAID HE WAS NOT SURE THEY COULD BE THERE BY TUESDAY. KISSINGER

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